**Road Accidents**

348. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of road accidents in the country during the year 1992 till date, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of road fatalities during the same periods; State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to bring down the number of road accidents in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Information is not available and will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The steps taken/being taken by the Central Government and State Governments are detailed in Statement.

**Statement**

*The Steps taken/being taken include—*

1. The M.V. Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respect of issu ance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.
2. Formal training in a driving school is made a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles
3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.
4. Maximum speed limts have been prescribed for all vehicles except ligh motor vehciles.
5. Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.
6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles viz. direction indicators with blinker system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods.
7. A national Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.
8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.
10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.
11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.
12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.
13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.
14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.
15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.
16. Use of Doordarashan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.
17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.
18. Special night checking on Highways.
19. Special drive against buses, HTVs. TSRs, Taxis etc.
20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

**Road Accidents on National Highways**

349. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) what is the number of total road accidents on the National Highways during the